

Vashon Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project

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Proposed Vashon Treatment Plant Upgrades

King County protects public health and the environment by conveying and treating the region's wastewater. On Vashon Island, King County owns and operates the Vashon Treatment Plant, an aging facility in need of improvements. Planned upgrades to the treatment plant and marine outfall will improve the plant's efficiency, increase capacity and protect human health and the environment.

Environmental Review: Upgrades Pose No Significant Adverse Impacts

The Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) provides a way to identify possible environmental impacts that may result from governmental actions and decisions. A SEPA environmental checklist for the Vashon Treatment Plant Upgrade Project has been prepared. It addresses the potential impacts of the proposed project on the natural and built environments, including earth, air, water, plants and animals, environmental health, noise, land use, recreation, light and glare and aesthetics.

If you have any questions or would like more details about the final design for the treatment plant upgrades, please contact John Komorita, King County project manager, at 206-263-6522 or john.komorita@metrokc.gov.

Through this environmental review, King County has determined that this project will not have significant adverse environmental impacts, and has issued a SEPA determination of non-significance (DNS). Conclusion of the SEPA process will enable King County to proceed with obtaining local permits for the project such as the building permit and shoreline substantial development permit from the King County Department of Development and Environmental Services.

The DNS is being mailed to property owners within 500 feet of the proposed project. If you want a copy of the complete environmental checklist, please contact Katherine McKee, Senior Environmental Planner, at 206-263-3197 or katherine.mckee@metrokc.gov. Comments will be accepted for 14 days after the date of issuance of the DNS.

Additional Environmental Review

King County is seeking federal grant funding for the project from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). EPA, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), is also conducting an environmental review of the proposed project. The NEPA process is anticipated to be complete later in 2003.

Project Schedule

Start of construction to upgrades of the Vashon Treatment Plant is scheduled for spring 2004. King County will provide more detailed information before construction begins.

For this information in alternative formats, call 206-263-6029 or 711 (TTY).